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For: **LOCKING SYSTEM ESPECIALLY**)
FOR MOTOR VEHICLES)

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner this Information Disclosure Statement that is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

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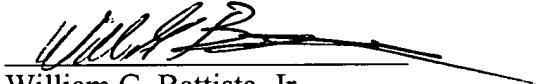
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